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New Mysuru-Bengaluru train from May 13

Hubballi-Mysuru Daily Express to depart from city at 6 am

Mysuru, May 3 (RK&BCT)- Taking into consideration the demands of a large number of people, especially workers from the unorganised sector, the South Western Railway (SWR) will introduce one more train from Mysuru to Hubballi via Bengaluru from May 13, 2017.

The new train will be called **Hubballi-Mysuru Daily Express** and will leave Mysuru at 6 am and reach Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Station in Bengaluru at 8.45 am.

The train will leave Bengaluru at 8.50 am to reach Tumakuru at 10.38 am and will reach Hubballi at 7 pm.

From the opposite direction, the other pair will leave Hubballi at 8.45 am, arrive in Tumakuru at 4.17 pm and leave Tumakuru at 4.45 pm to reach Bengaluru at 5.45 pm. The train will leave Bengaluru at 5.50 pm and reach Mysuru at 8.40 pm.

The new train will facilitate thousands of government employees and workers from unorganised sector from Mysuru to reach their work places on the Mysuru-Bengaluru route. The train is expected to ease pressure on Chamundi Express that leaves Mysuru at 6.45 am. This train will also help reduce traffic between Bidadi and Tumakuru.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Railway sources said that the train was a long-pending demand of garment, manufacturing and unorganised sector workers.

The train will have 18+2 Deen Dayalu coaches. The train will start from Ashokapuram Railway Station and will stop at Mysuru Railway Station before leaving for Bengaluru.

With the introduction of Hubballi-Mysuru Daily Express, a total of 25 pairs of trains will run between the two cities.

Car rental scam at MCC !

Civic body pays Rs. 20 lakh per month for 9 cars

Mysuru, May 3 (RK&BCT)- After the free phone controversy that rocked Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) where the State Government disconnected BSNL mobile connections of over 200 users including Corporators and officers for gross misuse, another major row of car rentals has hit the civic body.

It has now come to light that the MCC is paying crores of rupees as rent to the cars that have been given to Standing Committee Chairmen and the Leader of the Opposition. In all, nine cars have been taken on rent from private car rental agencies and have been given to the Leader of Opposition and the Standing Committee Chairmen and the MCC is paying an annual rent of Rs. 2 to 2.5 crore form these cars.

Hiring cars on rent is a normal practice in the MCC and according to sources, 80 percent of the cars used by MCC are rented.

The cars are hired from travel agencies and car rental services and rates are fixed per kilometre and the money is paid on monthly basis. This car rental system is being practiced at the MCC since the last eight years.

As per the Karnataka Municipal Act, cars can be rented by a section of officers and other authorities as the government cannot provide vehicles to all of them. "But here in MCC, Chairmen of Standing Committees and the Leader of Opposition are using such rented cars though there is no provision in the Municipal Act," said Corporator Nandeesh Preetham who has raised the issue. He added that since eight years this issue has not come to light and the MCC has been paying Rs. 18 to 20 lakh as car rent per month for just nine cars.

Nandeesh Preetham, himself the Chairman of City and Town Planning Standing Committee, has said that he has surrendered his car as the misuse has come to light now. "I have written a letter to Mayor (the copy of which is with *Star of Mysore*) and have surrendered my car as there is no provision for a Standing Committee Chairman to avail the facility of a rented car," he said.

He has also stated that he was ready to return the rental amount of the car to MCC treasury from 05.02.2017 to 02.05.2017, the days he used the vehicle. He has demanded that all the other vehicles given to Standing Committee Chairmen and the Leader of the Opposition be withdrawn.

Sources said that there is no actual monitoring of the cars and the rental agencies. "Car rental firms can even be owned by the relatives of the person who is using the vehicles and bills can easily be passed in favour of the car rental firm," sources added.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Bulging bubble bypasses bursting

Bubbles fascinate babies. Their romance with bubbles seems to get more romantic with *every* bubble they blow, some bulging more than others, disappearing into thin air, but not before bursting. This column, featuring bubbles *other than* the virtual monopoly of the tiny-tots, may not interest them, but the seemingly fragile, perfectly spherical globules that constitute adult business opens a vista that should make citizens, read *aam janata*, sit up and ponder, without having to wonder. First, let us take the case of the *IT bubble*. In the aftermath of the now-familiar-to-all Information Communication Technology (ICT) revolution, that brought dream-like dividends such as *a)* new employment opportunities to the otherwise beleaguered graduates, *b)* enviable pay packets to the players in the sector, *c)* voluminous revenue in forex, *d)* glorifying Bengaluru as the Silicon Valley of the East, *e)* hoisting India as the global IT hub and *f)* scores of fallout of these dividends, some sections of the land's intelligentsia were heard prattling that the IT bubble would burst sooner than later. Mercifully or otherwise that has not happened.

Before proceeding to take up the *third* and more interesting bubble, let us take the case of *a second bubble*, namely tainted wealth commanded by you-know-who, after which the present administrative machinery of the incumbent Union government has set its eyes, unfazed by far less success in grabbing that wealth. This bubble, a euphemism, considering its amazing holding power enabling to *dodge* bursting even as it is bulging to a volume that mocks at the gigantic hot air balloon.

For fear of running out of column-space devoted to bubbles, one is compelled to take the case of *the third bubble*, characterised by a staying power leaving the aforementioned second bubble far behind. Readers of this column should have no difficulty whatsoever in guessing which bubble is in contention, given the report under a three-column caption that reads: *Among public services, Police most corrupt, says survey*. One has to hasten to be aware of the harsh conditions that the contemporary society has created for the Police force to function under choking situations. It is unfair, therefore, to cast aspersions on the law-keeping wing of the government, which has its own share of honest and competent officers and ranks among the staff.

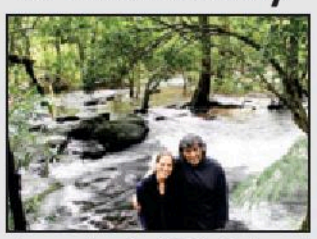
The Delhi-based agency whose survey report denigrating the Police force as a bribe-grabbing flock has only seen one side of the matter, like the glowing face of the moon. The agency, as reported in the media, has not said a word about the giving-side of *bribe*, our third bubble. Suffice to say, like the Bard of Stratford upon Avon has said, it is blessed twice; it, like mercy, blesseth him that *gives* and also him that *takes*. This bubble bypasses bursting like no other bubble.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Modern sport is a multi-billion dollar industry. The growing clout of TV enables the advertising industry to churn out an unbelievable amount of money for themselves and the sportspersons. Ever since the Greeks held sporting competitions in an organised way, the winner assumed the status of a hero. Watching champions in sports fulfilled people vicariously as they got to experience moments of excitement leaving behind the boredom of ordinary life. Soon every society needed champions or heroes of their own to provide inspiration, motivation, direction and meaning to the lives of ordinary people. Following the Greeks who used to place a simple wreath of olive known as kotinos on the heads of the champions, the modern Olympic movement gave the winners flowers and a medallion of gold, silver or bronze whose intrinsic value is minuscule compared to its symbolic value. — *Trailokya Jena in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Couple's Paradise of Biodiversity



Karnataka: In 1991, Anil and Pamela Malhotra bought a 55 acres of unused farmland in Karnataka, India, and started planting native trees on it. Over the last 25 years, their small forest has turned into a 300-acre wildlife sanctuary that hundreds of endangered plants, animals and birds call home.

Anil and Pamela met and married in New Jersey, USA, They shared a love for wildlife. In 1986, the couple travelled to India for the funeral of Anil's father, horrified by the deforestation so they decided to save the country's wildlife. They sold their property in Hawaii, moved to India, and started looking for available land.

Anil and Pamela took a patch of wasteland in Kodagu district that nobody wanted and turned it into a biodiversity hot-spot. Today, the Malhotras' Save Animals Initiative (SAI) Sanctuary is home to hundreds of different indigenous trees and plants, over 300 species of birds, and dozens of rare and threatened species of animals.

The 98-year-old yoga instructor

Coimbatore: They say age is just a number, and watching 98-year-old V. Nanammal effortlessly execute a wide range of difficult yoga poses that practitioners decades her junior still struggle with, I'm inclined to believe that they're absolutely right. Recognised as the oldest yoga instructor in India, and the second oldest in the world, Nanammal has inspired a whole generation of Indian youths to take the ancient art.

V. Nanammal started doing yoga when she was 8, picking up the basics from her father, who was a martial artist. And also learnt the secrets of the practice under the guidance of her grandfather, in her home town of Coimbatore, India's Tamil Nadu State. After getting married, Nanammal learnt yoga from her father-in-law, and soon started teaching others.

The elderly yoga instructor says that she never stopped practicing yoga for the last nine decades of her life, and credits it for her good health and incredible flexibility.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much oxygen does our brain require?

Though it makes up only 2 percent of our body weight, the brain requires 20% of the body's oxygen and calories. A total of 15 arteries serve the head and neck region of the body.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

City students clear JEE Mains 2017 Exam

Mysuru, May 3-The following 24 students of **VVS Golden Jubilee PU College,** Kuvempunagar, have cleared JEE Mains 2017 and qualified for JEE Advanced Examination:

Deepak *Adithya* *Kruthi*

K.Deepak, Adithya N. Pai, K. Kruthi, K. Ashwin Kumar, Chandan V. Gowda, Shreya M. Bhat, D.V. Deevith, K. Abhiram, K.K.Nagananda, N.R. Varun, Vitthal P. Yellambalse, M.S. Yashwanth Kumar, V.Shankara Narayana, H.Harshith, S. Adarsh, K.Abhinandan, M.R.Hrithik, Nikhil Bharadwaj, K.Shithij Rai, V.M. Sanchith, M.P. Arihant Jain, K.Pavan and K.R.Yashaskara Jois, according to a press release from S. Shubhada, Principal, VVS Golden Jubilee PU College.

Gopalaswamy PU College, Lakshmipuram: In all, 26 students from SANKALPA integrated at Gopalaswamy PU College have cleared JEE Mains Exams conducted by CBSE for admissions to IIT/NIT. They are: D. Jayanth, Daivikh Rajesh, M. Dheeraj, K. Likhith, Sriram, Gowtham Shetty, J. Bharath, M. Harshitha, Akshara C. Urs, Manish, S.M. Amritha, Pradyumna, S. Abhishek, C.K. Manoj Kumar, C.M. Manauj Gowda, H.K. Rohan Gowda, A.G. Rashmi, V. Sanjana, Deekshitha, K. Ruchitha, H.S. Srujan, K. Vishal, Asha Raj, Manthan, C.Vaishag and K.G. Teja.

Pradyumna *Vaishag* *Manoj* *Abhishek* *Amrita*

Learners PU College: Learners Foundation Trust had imparted training to selected students of Learners PU College and prepared them to crack the IIT JEE Mains 2017. Vijay N. Naik, N.P. Shanmukha, K. Rakshith, H. Mahima Sagar and S. Shivashankar have cleared in this competitive exam, according to Murali Mohan, Chairperson of the Trust and Madhavi Lata, Principal.

Sagar *Rakshith* *Shanmukha* *Shiva Shankar* *Vijay*

The following students of **Mysore Institute Mahesh PU College** have qualified for JEE Advanced Exam: K. R. Sudhanva Kashyap, Bharadwaj Eswaran, C. N. Sri vatsa and N. Parikshith.

Bharadwaj *Eswaran* *Parikshith* *Sudhanva*

Kautilya PU College: P. Deekshitha of Kautilya PU College too has cleared JEE Main Examinations 2017, according to Prof. Nishant A. Naidu, Principal.

Deekshitha

Really...?

- ***When young abalones feed on red seaweed their shells turn red.***
- ***A rodent's teeth never stops growing.***
- ***Small quantities of grapes and raisins can cause renal failure in dogs.***
- ***One million stray dogs and 500,000 stray cats live in New York City metropolitan area.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.46
1 Euro	= Rs. 70.13

VOICE OF THE READER

Will KSRTC ply direct buses from Mysuru to Whitefield

Sir,

This refers to Dr. Shyamprasad's letter in *SOM* dated April 18 on the above subject. His suggestion will definitely help a good number of passengers.

Nowadays KSRTC buses are dropping passengers at Satellite bus station at Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru.

As a result, passengers travelling towards Whitefield, HSR Layout and other parts have to spend a lot of money on autos and cabs (the cost of this conveyance is almost 6 to 10 times more than KSRTC bus fare from Mysuru to Bengaluru!).

Besides this, the ladies and elderly people will have safety and security problems on account of late hour journeys. It will be a people-friendly scheme to introduce buses from Mysuru to Whitefield, Electronic City, Manyata Tech Park etc., where majority IT/BT companies are stationed.

Will the concerned authorities consider this proposal?

—H.R. Raviprakash
on e-mail

Mysuru
29.4.2017

Cartoon expo on May 5 and 6

Nagendra Babu

Mysuru, May 3 (US)- Marking World Cartoonists' Day, an exhibition of legendary personalities' autographed caricatures created by *SOM* Cartoonist and Fulbrighter M.V. Nagendra Babu has been organised on May 5 and 6 at Mysore Art Gallery, 12th Cross, Ramanuja Road here from 10 am to 5 pm.

Social Activist K. Raghuram will inaugurate the expo on May 5 at 10.30 am. Corporator M.V. Ramprasad and Sculptor L. Shivalingappa will be present.

Profile: Mysore Vasudeva Rao Nagendra Babu, who commenced his career as a cartoonist for *Star of Mysore,* has created more than 8,000 cartoons so far. He has represented India as a Cultural Ambassador to Taiwan for one year.

In recognition of his expertise as a cartoonist, he has won the Fulbright Award and is the only Indian cartoonist to bag this honour.

Babu is a Life Member of AP Cartoonists Association, USA and has organised expos in USA, Taiwan and Singapore.

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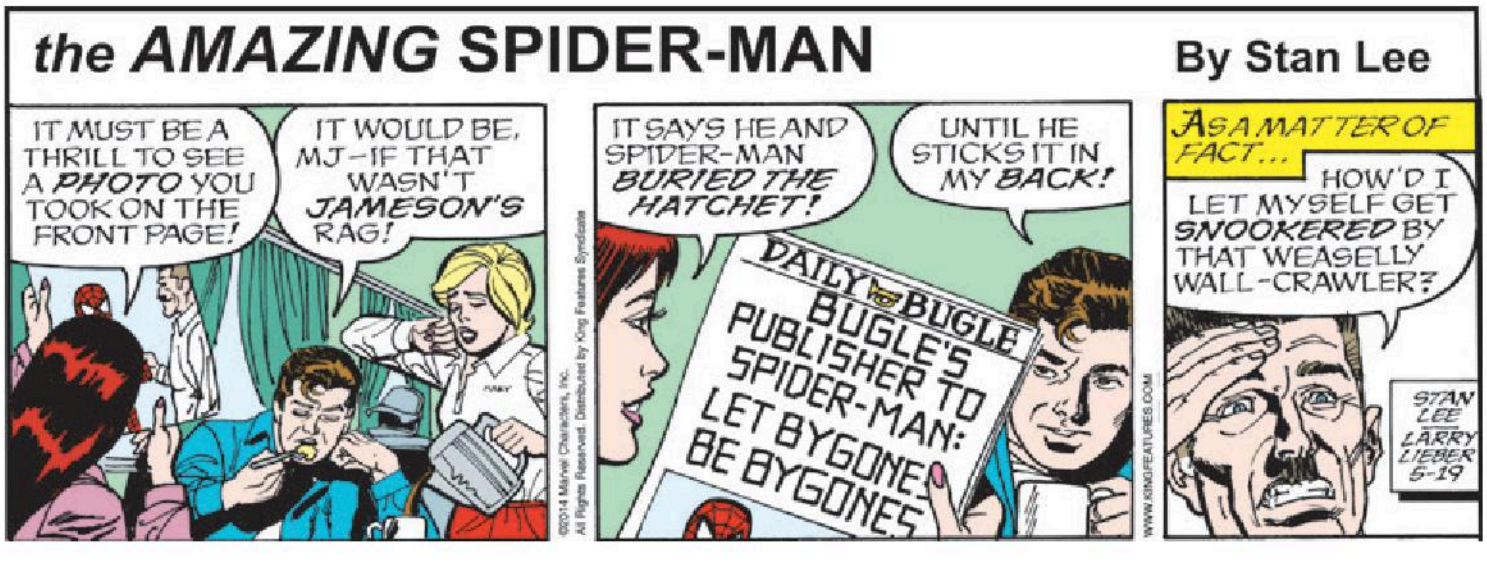
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Chamarajanagar MP calls on A.H. Vishwanath to placate him

Mysuru, May 3- In a last-ditch attempt to convince Congress leader and former Minister **A.H. Vishwanath** not to leave the party, Chamarajanagar Member of Parliament R. Dhruvanarayan met him at his residence yesterday. The talks remained formal and sources said that Vishwanath remained non-committal on his continuation in Congress.

The MP, along with other party leaders like District Congress President Dr. Vijaya Kumar, MyLAC Chairman H.A. Venkatesh and Congress leader from Pandavapura H.N. Ravindra called on Vishwanath, who has already decided to leave Congress, at his residence in K.R. Nagar.

Vishwanath extended a warm welcome to the leaders who told him that as a senior Congress member it was not appropriate for him to leave Congress now at this juncture as he has struggled to build the party. They pleaded with Vishwanath not to desert the party and talks could be held to solve the issues if any. Addressing Dhruvanarayana, Vishwanath reportedly joked, "Many Congress leaders have not come to meet me due to Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's fear. You have taken the courage to meet me."

Sources said that Vishwanath told the leaders that he has not yet taken a decision to leave Congress. "As I am at the fag-end of my political career, I need to tread a cautious path. I will consult my supporters and voters before taking a final decision," he told them. Sources added that Vishwanath did not even utter (even by mistake) that he would remain in Congress.

It may be recalled here that Vishwanath is one among the bitter critics of CM Siddharamaiah after former CM Janardhana Poojari. Vishwanath has often criticised Siddharamaiah's policies and even said that Congress had no future with Siddharamaiah at the helm. His latest grouse is that when he (Vishwanath) was admitted at a hospital in Coimbatore, the CM did not even call him to enquire about his health.

Party insiders said that CM Siddharamaiah had personally called Dhruvanarayan and had asked him to visit Vishwanath's house to listen to him about the difference of opinion with the party and to assess his future moves.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on May 3, 5 and 8 from 10 am to 5 pm in the following areas: Nadanahalli village, Vasanthanagar, Prakruti Layout and surrounding places. On May 4 (from 10 am to 6 pm) — Nanjumalige Circle, Lakshmipuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Narayana Shastri Road, Kakaravadi, Nalabeedi, Hosakeri, Agrahara, Thyagaraja Road, Industrial Suburb, Vishweshwaranagar, Krishnamurthypuram, Nachanahalli Palya, Gundurao Nagar, Kanakagiri, Ashokapuram, Saraswathipuram, Railway Workshop, Mahadevapura, Ramabhainagar, Srirampura, Jayanagar, K.G. Koppal, Shivapura, Devalapura Hobli, parts of Adichunchanagiri Road & J.P. Nagar and surrounding places; Ramanuja Road, Hosabhandikeri, Chamarajapuram, Basaveshwara Road and Surrounding places, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer.

Free Upanayana

A free 'upanayana' for Trimatastha Brahmana Vatus has been organised at Sri Krishna Trust, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipurm, on May 8. Those interested may visit Sri Krishnadama or contact Ph: 0821-2544004, according to a press release from the Trust.

Cancer clinic

Preethi Cancer Centre has organised a free cancer clinic at No. 873, Vani Vilas Road, Lakshmipuram, on May 4 (Thursday) between 10 am and 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259, according to a press release.

Free eye screening camp

In memory of B.M. Marigowda, Vijayanagar Cultural Society, in association with Paduvarahalli Gramabhyudaya Trust, Mysuru District Blindness Eradication Society and Mysore Race Club Charitable Eye Hospital, has organised a free eye screening camp at Sri Varasiddi Mahadeshwara Temple premises, Paduvarahalli, Vinayakanagar, on May 8 at 9 am. For details, contact Mob: 99729-62665 or 93427-81716.

School admission for hearing impaired

City's Sai Ranga Vidya Samsathe, a free residential School for hearing impaired boys located in Bannimantap 'B' Layout, has invited applications from hearing impaired boys for admission to standards one to ten (2017-18). Although the hearing impaired boys are exempted from appearing for English paper, the boys will be taught English in consideration of their future. For details, contact Mob: 93421-12736 or 78923-84721, according to a press release from the School.

Two persons commit suicide in city

Mysuru, May 3 (SPN&KS)- In separate incidents, two persons committed suicide in city.

In the first incident, Biliappa (50), a resident of Janata Nagar here and a Pani Puri vendor, committed suicide by hanging self at his house. It is learnt that Biliappa, who was suffering from depression, was not talking properly with any of his family members and was not showing interest in the business. Saraswathipuram Police have registered a case and are investigating.

In the second incident, Kumar (30), a resident of BB Keri and a Supervisor of Pourakarmikas in the MCC, who had consumed poison on Apr. 30 near Jaganmohan Palace and was admitted to K.R. Hospital, breathed his last at the hospital after failing to respond to the treatment.

Kumar, who is married, has a child, it is learnt. The reason for Kumar to take this extreme step is yet to be ascertained.

Devaraja Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Man found unconscious in MM Hills; shifted to K.R. Hospital

MM Hills/Mysuru, May 3 (KS)- MM Hills Police, following information from devotees coming to Male Mahadeshwara Temple, who found a man in an unconscious state at the side of Talabetta Road, have admitted the person to Kollegal General Hospital and have later shifted him to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru for further treatment.

The unidentified man has the names Ramaswamy, Susheela Swamy and Prema tattooed on his right hand and the names Parvathi, Rathna and Yashodha tattooed in Kannada on his left hand.

It is learnt that when the devotees enquired him, he is said to have told them that he was from Halagur. The kith and kin of the unidentified person may visit K.R. Hospital or call: 94808-04658 or 08225-272141 or Chamarajanagar Control Room on Ph: 08226-222383.

Soldier from Gundlupet dies of heart attack in Assam

N. Puttaswamy

Chamarajanagar, May 3 (SS&KS)- A BSF soldier from Gundlupet, who was serving in the 145th batch of BSF as a cook in Assang Sultagan in Assam, died of heart attack at a hospital in Assam. The deceased soldier has been identified as N. Puttaswamy (42), a resident of Housing Board Colony in Gundlupet, who was serving as a soldier with the BSF since 19 years.

Puttaswamy, who complained of severe chest pain on Monday, was admitted to a hospital, where he breathed his last.

He leaves behind his wife and two sons. DC B. Ramu, SP Kuldeep Kumar R. Jain and Tahsildar K. Purandara paid a visit to the house of Puttaswamy yesterday and offered their condolences. DC Ramu assured that the family will get all benefits that are due to the deceased soldier.

Puttaswamy's body would be brought to Bengaluru from Kolkata by air today and would be taken to Kudalur in Chamarajanagar district, where the last rites will be performed with full Government honours today.

Woman moves Court seeking custody of rescued child

City Court orders DNA test

Mysuru, May 3 (SBD&KS)- A woman, claiming to be the mother of one of the children rescued by Cops during the anti-child trafficking operation, has approached the Court seeking custody of the child. The woman has been identified as Shobha of K.R. Nagar. The Court, which went through her application, has ordered for a DNA test of Shobha and the child, it is learnt.

It may be recalled that the District Police headed by the SP, which had conducted an anti-child trafficking operation, a few months ago, had rescued 17 children from child-traffickers besides arresting the culprits behind the illegal trade.

Out of 17 children, the parents of four kids were not traced and the Police had issued a press release along with the photographs of the children, which was published in newspapers requesting the parents to take custody of their children.

Attempt to rob cement shop

Mysuru, May 3 (SPN&KS) - An incident of miscreants attempting to burgle a cement and steel shop has been reported at Rajarajeshwari Nagar in city.

It is reported that Satish, Proprietor of Srilakshmi Agencies in Rajarajeshwari Nagar, closed the shop on the night of May 1 and left for his house.

When he returned the next day, he saw that attempts were made to open the shutters of the shop forcibly and informed the Police.

Saraswathipuram Police, who rushed to the spot, registered a case and are investigating.

Obituary

Alijanab Najeebulla Shariff

Mysuru, May 3- Alijanab Najeebulla Shariff (63), brother of Alijanab Mushtaq Ahmed Shariff of Shariff Electricals and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away early this morning at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today after Asar (5.15 pm) at Eidgah Masjid, near Mission Hospital followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle here.

P. Somashekarachar

P. Somashekarachar (59), a gold & silver artisan who was residing behind Kalikamba Temple in city, passed away on Sunday midnight following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here on Monday.

Mahadev

Mahadev (80), a resident of K.G. Koppal, passed away on Tuesday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds here this afternoon.

Plumbers Skill Development Centre to be set up in city soon: MP

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and MLA M.K. Somashekar are seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of State-Level Plumbers Meet at Dasara Exhibition Ground in city recently.

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, May 3 (PM&DM)- MP Pratap Simha has said that Skill Development Centre for plumbers will soon be set up in the city, for which he will grant Rs. 20 lakh out of his MP Local Area Development Fund.

He was speaking at the State-level Plumbers Meet organised by Sir M. Visvesvaraya Plumbers, Drainage and Construction Workers Welfare Association at Dasara Exhibition Ground here recently.

Pointing out that the Centre's 'MUDRA' scheme provides many opportunities for skilled workers, he said that there was a shortage of plumbing and water pipeline workers in Mysuru region and as such there was plenty of opportunities for skilled plumbers.

He underlined the need for bringing out a handbook of plumbers as it would be of great help to the people. MLA M.K. Somashekar, in his address, said that the previous UPA Government had come up with many schemes for the welfare of workers in the unorganised sector.

Calling upon the workers to make full use of the facilities extended to them by the Government, the MLA said that BPL card holders can avail medical benefits under Government schemes.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion, said that a bungalow can go waste if it did not have a drinking water facility and an underground drainage system.

Warning that a world war may break out over water if water sources are not conserved, the Swamiji said that the role of plumbers holds key in providing civic amenities. The Seer also urged plumbers to sensitise house owners on the importance of installing rain water harvesting system in their residences.

Senior plumbers and underground drainage workers were felicitated on the occasion.

The Association presented a memorandum to the Government seeking fulfilment of its various demands which included ESI facilities to plumbers, pipeline and underground drainage workers, a monthly honorarium to workers on completion of 60 years of age, housing for shelterless workers and educational assistance to meritorious children of workers.

MLA H.P. Manjunath, Assistant Labour Commissioner Meena Patil, writer Bannur K. Raju, Association President N. Chandru, General Secretary M.S. Suresh Kumar and others were present.

Non-implementation of A.J. Sadashiva Commission Report

1,000 Madiga Community members to stage nude protest in Bengaluru

Mysuru, May 3 (US&SP)- Members of Madiga Rakshana Mahasabha would stage a nude protest in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru if the Government fails to implement Justice A.T. Sadashiva Commission Report within the next three months.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Mahasabha State President J.C. Ithihas said that the report for the benefit of Madiga Community was submitted to the Government five years ago but is yet to be implemented and the Government is just doling out assurances.

He added that when Siddharamaiah was the Opposition Leader, he had assured at the Madiga Convention in Chitradugra that he would implement the Internal Reservation Policy when he becomes the Chief Minister.

Continuing, Ithihas said that despite protests, nothing has transpired so far and added that over 1,000 members of the community representing a strength of 60 lakh would protest nude and lay siege to Vidhana Soudha if nothing transpires within three months.

Mahasabha State Honorary President C. Mahadevaiah Vice-President Kalaiah and others were present at the press meet.

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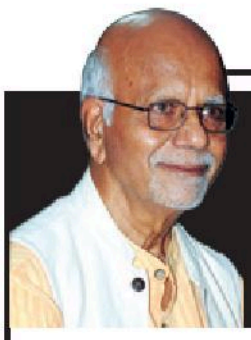


Down The Memory Lane

By K. Vijaya Kumar
Former Jt. Director of Information & Publicity

Multifaceted K.V. Murthy

Not just Art Patron; Chief Patron of Lord Chandramouleeswara!

Our city is known as the citadel of art and culture for centuries. Thanks to the Wadiyar dynasty which patronised many writers, artistes, musicians, sculptors who brought name and fame to this Royal City.

However, after Independence of our country Royalty made way to philanthropists and art-lovers as patrons of art and culture. Among them is **K.V. Murthy,** who is well-known in Mysuru and among the connoisseurs of music and dance from our city. There is hardly any cultural body in Mysuru with which K.V. Murthy is not associated. Today (May 3) is his birthday and he turns 87 into his own world of art and culture.

Just as he is a patron of art and culture giving his time and money generously for the cause, he is also a staunch devotee of Lord Chandramouleeswara and visits the temple located at the junction of Kalidasa Road and the Temple Road at Matrumandali Circle in V.V. Mohalla. As if by divine grace, he lives just behind this Chandramouleeswara temple.

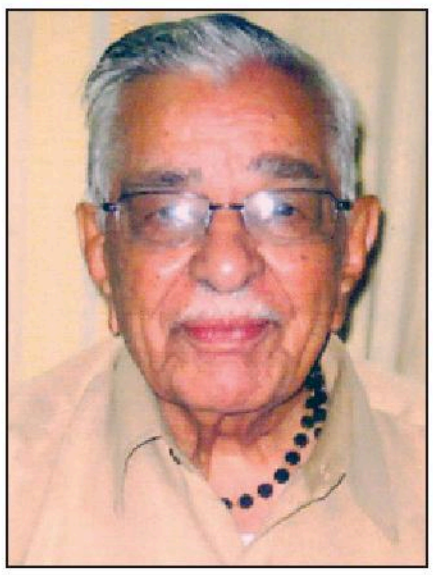
On Monday mornings when I go to this temple, I see my elderly friend Murthy reciting *Rudra Mantras* along with ten *Ruthwicks* as part of *Shata Rudrabhisheka* (which lasts nearly three-and-a-half hours) sponsored by devotees. It is also held on Thursdays and Sundays, if devotees sponsor, when Murthy will join again.

Chandramouleeswara Temple

Platinum Jubilee of the Temple

Murthy is associated with this temple since last 35 years and as Head of the Trustees, he devotes time to supervise upkeep of the temple, timely *pujas* etc., and continuing his service laid by his elder brother **K. Seetharama Rao.**

Narrating the history of the 75-year-old temple, he tells me that Platinum Jubilee is being planned to be held in this June. Interestingly, it was **Dewan Sir Mirza Ismail** who allotted the site for the temple. This temple has the distinction of having installed *Jyothirlingas* collected from across the Holy places in the country including *Kashi Vishwanatha Linga.*



K.V. Murthy

Mega Stellar Amazingly Rich Career!!

This is how his daughter **Monika** has prepared his long career bio-data under the above title. Graduated from NIE in Civil Engineering in 1956, he started working with Bombay PWD on a grand daily salary of Rs. 4.75!

His notable contribution includes construction of several bridges, dams, harbours. To name a few: Kadana Dam across river Mahi, widening runway of Bombay Santa Cruz Airport, Linganamakki Dam in Karnataka, Bandra Bridge, Flyover connecting Marine Drive, foundation for Indian Express Towers, Bombay Refinery and Port Trust, Madras Atomic Power Plant - Kalpakkam, Paradip Port Trust, Auranga Bridge, Vaitharna Bridge, Vapi Bridge, Mangalore Harbour Iron Ore Berth, Karwar Naval Harbour Base, Visakhapatnam Navy and Harbour Port, Madras Jawahar Dock Expansion, first fully-fledged Container Terminal inaugurated by Indira Gandhi, Chaitra Apartment in Yadavagiri.

Art-Savy Connoisseur

His passion for music has turned him to be a patron of various music and performing arts organisations. Not a programme is held, perhaps, without his presence as chief guest. And the readers of city newspapers are well aware of it.

Supervisor of Chirashantidhama

Murthy's daily programme includes a visit to Chirashantidhama (a very convenient cremation place constructed with great efforts of his elder brother K. Seetharama Rao along with others) to supervise, on his way to his factory Agro Chemicals in Hebbal.

Suffice to conclude that K.V. Murthy is a rare personality imbibing true values of life in conducting himself.

Oh! By the way, it is our immense interest in DVG's *Manku Thimmana Kagga* that has brought us closer.

Wishing K.V. Murthy Many Happy Returns of the Day.

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Murthy** (wearing dark glasses) **with Queen of Music M.S. (1984). He went to her residence to wish her on her 68th birthday.

With 'Violin Garudiga' Lalgudi and Suttur Seer. (2004)

Murthy** (centre) **with Veerendra Patil, the then Union Minister for Shipping and Transport at Visakhapatnam Harbour. (1979)

His pet project Rotary West School for Deaf Children. (2005)

K.V. Murthy being honoured by Mysore Sports Club for constructing (expansion) their guest houses. (1999)

Pune Dermatologists cycle from Mysuru to Bengaluru

Mysuru, May 3 (RKB&DM)- Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep flagged off the 'Cycle Rally' to Bengaluru in which 12 Dermatologists from Pune are taking part as part of World Congress of Cosmetology and Dermatology convention to be held in Bengaluru from May 4 to 6. The rally was flagged off at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of the Palace yesterday morning.

The Dermatologists from Pune who arrived in the city on May 1 were received by members of Mysore Dermatology Society.

The Cycle rally is aimed at creating awareness on skin diseases ahead of the 3-day 12th World Congress of Cosmetology and Dermatology convention.

The World Congress is jointly organised by the Indian Association of Cosmetics and Dermatologists (IACD), Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India (ACSI) and Mysore Dermatology Society (MDS).

MDS President Dr. K.A.K. Surendran, Secretary Dr. H. Bangaru, Immediate Past President Dr. Y.M. Shivakumar, Dr. Jayadev and others were present.

More rains to bring cheers in coming days

Mysuru, May 3 (NNN) - Are more rains going to bring cheers to the people and farmers in and around Mysuru in the coming days? The answer could be in the positive as more rains are expected in the next few days. But, the El Nino effect is creating quite a disruption in atmospheric conditions and as a result there was 68 per cent deficit in rainfall last year in Mysuru and surrounding districts, said Naganahalli Organic Farming Research Station Nodal Officer Dr. C. Govindaraju.

According to the data available at the Station, the average rainfall in the last 68 years is 685 mm, while last year it was just 244 mm, which has led to a 68 per cent deficit. The Met Department puts it that the rainfall occurs in every 4 kms as the cloud density goes up. Because of this, there is sporadic rainfall and if there is rain in Mysuru, it will not occur in Naganahalli, which is in the outskirts of the city.

In the last 20 years, there is more rainfall in the pre-monsoon and post-monsoon time than during the monsoon and the temperature, which is now hovering around 33 degrees to 34 degrees Celsius in the month of April and beginning of May, ideally should go up in the last week of May, he said.

If there is La Nina effect, which is the opposite of El Nino, it reduces temperature. But between 1988-2013, the temperature has gone up because of El Nino effect and last year there was complete drought. However, in the next four to five days normal to heavy rainfall is expected in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Kodagu districts, he said.

Inauguration of Sri Mahalakshmi temple at Vinayakanagar on May 5

Mysuru, May 3 (US&SBD)- Thanks to the efforts of local residents and leaders, Sri Mahalakshmi temple has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh adjacent to Sri Vidyaganapathy temple on 6th Main Road in Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) here. Shops in the area were vacated and the temple was built in just 6 months by Sri Vidyaganapathy and Mahalakshmi Temple Trust with assistance from residents and devotees.

Sri Somanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru Branch, will inaugurate the new temple on May 5 at 9.30 am. MPs Pratap Simha, R. Dhruvanarayan, C.S. Puttaraju, MLAs and others will participate.

An idol of Mahalakshmi has been installed inside the huge Gopura of the temple. The main door has two elephant sculptures on either side. In front of the Gopura are idols of Lakshminarayana along with Ashta Lakshmis. The sanctum sanctorum is aesthetically designed with all divine features.

The Vidyaganapathy temple, which was built over 30 years ago, was inaugurated by Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer late Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji in the presence of the then Chief Minister R. Gundu Rao on Aug. 31, 1981.

Gundu Rao had suggested to rename Paduvarahalli as Vinayakanagar, recalled M. Ramachandra, Hon. President of the Temple Trust.

Convention on Tipu Sultan in city tomorrow

Mysuru, May 3 (VNS) - A convention in memory of Tipu Sultan and his contributions will be held in Mysuru tomorrow on the occasion of his 218th death anniversary.

Prior to the convention, freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy will offer floral tribute at 9 am to the late ruler at the place where Tipu's body was found in Srirangapatna.

Later, former Minister B.T. Lalitha Naik will garland the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in front of the Town Hall and flag off a rally to the Dasara Exhibition Grounds where a day-long convention will be held.

The convention will be inaugurated by Belimath Seer Sri Shivarudra Mahaswami and it will feature discussions on 'Indian freedom struggle, creation of modern Karnataka and Tipu Sultan' and 'Tipu's contribution to empowerment of Shudras, Dalits and Backward Classes.'

KRRS leader and MLA K.S. Puttannaiah, litterateurs Devanur Mahadeva, Banjagere Jayaprakash and Kalegowda Nagawara, former MLC A.K. Subbaiah, journalist Gowri Lankesh and others will be present at the convention.

26th Brahmotsava celebrations at Srikrishna Temple in Gokulam

Mysuru, May 3 - The twenty-sixth year Brahmotsava of Srikrishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd stage, is being held from May 2 to May 14 with various religious and cultural programmes at its premises.

The celebrations began on Tuesday with *Maha Abhisheka* to Sri Krishna idol. This was followed by *Hamsa Vahanotsava* in the evening.

Maha Sudharshana Homa will be performed on Thursday (May 4) morning followed by grand Rukmini Kalyanotsava in the evening.

The Brahma Rathotsava will go around Gokulam on Friday morning (May 5) where people can offer puja.

On May 6 and 7, *Lakshmi Homa, Ramatharaka Homa* and *Shanti Homa* will be conducted for the welfare of the people.

As a grand finale to the celebrations, *Amritha Kalashabhisheka* will be held on May 8 morning followed by music concert by Vidushi Shylaja Sriram Bhat and Party at 6 pm. Shayanotsava will be held the same day at 8 pm.

Everyday *prasadam* will be distributed both in the morning and evening after *Mahamangalarathi*.

As a continuation of the celebrations, a music concert by Vidushi Lakshmi Surya Teja and Party will be held on May 13 at 6 pm and dance feature by disciples of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy on May 14 at 6 pm.

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Search Panel to meet on May 12 to select UoM VC

Mysuru, May 3 (NNN) - It is nearly four months since the then Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mysore (UoM) Prof. K.S. Rangappa demitted office (Jan. 10, 2017). However, the situation in the hundred-year-old University has come to such a pass that it has forced the State Government, which was keeping mum, to take action and as a result the Search Committee headed by former Vice-Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Prof. H. P. Kincha is meeting on May 12 in Bengaluru to select a person for the new VC's post.

According to sources, there are nearly 150 aspirants for the post of the Vice-Chancellor and out of them ten are likely to be shortlisted on May 12 during the first meeting and out of that three or four will be picked before the final name is chosen. However, the indications are that the appointment will take a little longer than is anticipated, the sources added.

Eventhough everyone wants meritorious candidates or aspirants to be picked, the caste factor could play a big role in the picking of the VC. The chances of a Vokkaliga or a Lingayat being picked this time is remote and hence a Brahmin or a Kuruba or even a Muslim could be chosen, feel the sources.

The names doing the rounds are that of UoM Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dayananda Mane, Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna, Prof. B.H. Suresh of Deparmtent of Studies in Commerce, UoM, Dr. Y.S. Siddegowda, Department of Social Work, Prof. Muzaffar H. Assadi of Department of Political Science and Dr. Syed Akheel Ahmed, former Vice-Chancellor, Yenepoya Univeristy, Mangaluru.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* former VC Prof. Rangappa said that unless a meritorious candidate is chosen the fate of the University will be bleak and it could go down in the next five years itself. Hence, the Chief Minister and the Higher Education Minister have a huge responsibility in selecting the right person for the prestigious post of the University, he added.

An aspirant to the post told *SOM,* on condition of anonymity, that he had applied not only to University of Mysore but also to Bangalore University. However, he feels that his chances are slim, as there are many other considerations that work than just merit for one to become the Vice-Chancellor. He also said that though many are not eligible to apply, they have also applied and this is the reason for such a large number of aspirants.

There are times when the Search Committee shortlists three names which is then sent to the Government and which in turn selects one of the names and then sends it to the Governor, who either accepts it or could call the candidates and finally pick one.

The interesting aspect is, in most of the occasions the Vice-Chancellor-to-be is not even interviewed but is chosen only on the basis of his or her records, said the source.

The other members of the Search Committee are Prof. H. M. Maheshwaraiah, Vice-Chancellor of Central University (Kalaburagi, who has come in place of Prof. Muniyamma), Dr. V. S. Chauhan, Member, UGC and Dr. Hari Gautham, former UGC Chairman.

Cap on movie tickets

People likely to pay more for Kannada movies in multiplexes

Mysuru, May 3 (VNS)-The new order issued by the State Government imposing a cap of Rs. 200 on movie tickets irrespective of any language has drawn flak from the movie exhibitors. According to the order issued by Department of Kannada and Culture and Department of Information Under Secretary S.N. Jayashri, Rs. 200 will be maximum an exhibitor can charge per ticket in theatres and multiplexes. However, it is excluding taxes and excludes Gold Class seats in the multiplexes.

The capping of tickets prices, which was expected to be a boon for those who could not afford to watch the movies at multiplexes, will only deprive the movie buffs of their right to watch movies with additional luxury. Earlier, the multiplexes which charged less than Rs. 150 on a few days in the week for Kannada movies will now charge Rs. 200 and additional Rs. 4 (Rs. 3 service tax and Re. 1 surcharge) on all days. And for non-Kannada movies the price per ticket will be 264 including Rs. 60 entertainment tax.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Karnataka Film Exhibitors Association Vice President M.R. Rajaram said that the new order had only deprived the right for the movie goers luxury and added that the State Government had unnecessarily interfered in the business by introducing the capping on movie tickets.

"The State Government which has been charging different price for bus service must also announce the capping for all the buses irrespective of it being an ordinary bus or a luxury bus and that same must also apply for hotels to make it affordable for common man who cannot spend lavishly to have dinner in star hotels," he said.

The multiplexes in city have been offering quality facilities including clean toilets, comfortable seats, AC and quality food. Now, with the new ticket pricing policy, the multiplexes are sure to incur loss in revenue which will force the multiplex owners to compromise in the quality, said Rajaram.

"People ask for quality and there are several of them who are ready to pay the same. The State Government has taken a retrograde step to announce the capping on ticket pricing. Instead, the Government has to promote our industry as it has been earning crores of rupees as revenue. We have witnessed more footfalls for Kannada movies in the past three years compared to any other movies screened in our theatre. People will come to watch good quality movies irrespective of the ticket price", said C.R. Hanumanth, Chief Consultant, DRC.

"We have not forced people to come and watch the movies in multiplexes. It is their choice and only those who are willing to pay our rates will come to watch movies. This move will affect our business as we will have to compromise on the quality of maintenance and other facilities provided in our theatre", said Vyshali Hanumanth Padaki, Managing Partner, DRC Cinemas.

The capping on the movie tickets price will not only affect the multiplexes but will also affect the producers and the distributors. Even the multiplex owners, who were ready to invest in various taluks across the State, will think twice before they invest on the same, she said.

CIIL holds workshop on Testing and Evaluation for Research Scholars

Mysuru, May 3 - A five-day training-cum-workshop on Testing & Evaluation and Item writing for the Research Scholars of the University of Mysore was held at National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of **Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL),** Mysuru, recently.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the workshop, Prof. P. Rozario Dharmesh Fernandez, Professor-cum-Deputy Director of CIIL, said that teaching, learning and evaluation are the three most important pillars of education.

Stating that the present workshop is very exclusive, he said this training programme presents a unique opportunity to the teachers to upgrade their knowledge in the area of language testing and evaluation.

Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer Incharge of NTS-I, welcomed and briefed about the activities of the NTS-I. Prof. A. Murigeppa, former Vice-Chancellor of Kannada University, Hampi; Prof. L.N. Aurora and Prof. Yashodhara, former Professors of University of Mysore; Prof. K.R. Durgadas, Professor of Kannada, Karnatak University, Dharwad, trained the participants along with NTS-I faculties Dr. V. Ilangovan, Dr. Biresh Kumar, Dr. G.M. Ansari, Dr. Md. Rizwan, Dr. Md. Saleem, Dr. R. Shakunthala, Dr. Sanjay Prasad Srivastava. Dr. V. Ilangovan, SRP, NTS-I, coordinated the workshop under the guidance of Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer-in-charge, NTS-I. Prof. D. G. Rao, Director, CIIL, was the overall patron of the workshop. About 40 research scholars from Mysore University participated.

Yesvantpur-Hassan Superfast Inter-City Daily Express timings revised

Mysuru, May 3 -South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to revise the timings of Train No. 22679/22680, Yesvantpur-Hassan-Yesvantpur Superfast Inter City Daily Express with effect from May 3, 2017 from Yesvantpur end and May 4 from Hassan.

Accordingly, Train No. 22679, Yesvantpur-Hassan Superfast departs Yesvantpur at 18:15 hrs. and arrives at Hassan at 21:20 hrs. Enroute, the train arrives/departs Chikbanavar at 18:24/18:25 hrs., Nelamangala at 18:41/18:42 hrs., Kunigal at 19:20/19:21 hrs., Yediyuru at 19:35/19:36 hrs., B.G. Nagar at 19:52/19:53 hrs., Shravanabelagola at 20:21/20:22 hrs., Channarayapatna at 20:33/20:34 hrs.

In the return direction, Train No. 22680, Hassan-Yesvantpur Superfast departs Hassan at 06:15 hrs. and arrives at Yesvantpur at 09:20 hrs.

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New Police Beat System in Mysuru district

Mysuru, May 3 (VNS)- The Mysuru District Police has implemented the new Beat System by deputing 28 Police personnel at various villages in three taluks — Periyapatna, H.D. Kote and Hunsur.

The Police personnel, mainly the Constables and Head Constables, will stay overnight in these villages and gather information on various issues.

The Police personnel deputed to the villages will not be changed for a year as per the 'Jana Snehi' initiative launched by the State Police Department.

The Constable or the Head Constable deputed for a village will be responsible for executing all Police duties including serving summons/warrants, gathering information, maintaining list of rowdy-sheeters and offenders among others.

This apart, the Police Department will also form a Committee comprising both Police and Public, who will meet on a regular basis and discuss on various issues. The Police personnel deputed to the villages will record the highlights of the meeting in the Beat Book.

The Police Personnel deputed to various villages are as follows:

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Development Studies Centre of UoM hosts Ambedkar Jayanti

J. Somashekar, Registrar (Evaluation), Mysore University, is seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary celebrations at Development Studies Centre of Mysore University this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, May 3 (US&SP)- Marking 126th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Development Studies Centre of Mysore University had organised a function at its premises in Manasagangothri here this morning. Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji of Uralingipeddhi Mutt graced the occasion.

Inaugurating the programme, J. Somashekar, Registrar (Evaluation), Mysore University, said that Ambedkar is a model for nation's development who always fought for a casteless society.

Speaking on the occasion, the Swamiji regretted that Universities were only manufacturing degrees and insisted that the Varsities should also focus on imbibing human values among students. He regretted that casteism rules the society which Dr. Ambedkar was dead against.

Dr. V. Shanmugam, Asst. Professor, Maharaja's College, delivered a lecture. Centre Director B.K. Thulasimala presided. Kalyanasri Bantheji from Bengaluru was present on the occasion.

Develop love and care for animals: NLSIU V-C R. Venkata Rao

Mysuru, May 3- Humans should develop and show love and care for animals as every living being has an equal right to live, said R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, here recently.

He was speaking after inaugurating a day-long workshop on 'Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' jointly organised by JSS Law College and NLSIU, at JSS Law College premises in city.

Stating that all living beings including animals had a role to play in sustaining ecology, Venkata Rao urged the Law professionals to cultivate compassion towards animals and added that animals must not be compared with human beings as it was also a violation.

Speaking on the occasion, National Biodiversity Authority Member M.K. Ramesh stressed for the need to practice Animal Welfare Law in Law Colleges and said that it must be added as an integral part of the curriculum.

JSS Law College Chief Executive Officer Prof. K.S. Suresh, Principal M.M. Prabhuswamy, NLSIU Associate Professor Dr. Sairam Bhat and others were present on the occasion.

Felicitation marks Basava Jayanti celebrations

Mysuru, May 3 (SBD&US)- The three-day Basava Jayanti celebrations, organised jointly by the District Administration, Veerashaiva Mahasabha, Veerashaiva Associations and Basava Balagagala Okkuta, concluded on Sunday at Kalamandira here.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Adhrushya Kadasiddeshwara Swamiji of Siddagiri graced the occasion.

Achievers Prashanth (Modern Agriculture), Madhumallesh (Education), M. Nikhilesh Mallikarjun (Social Service) and Dr. Manjappa Mahadevappa (Medicine) were felicitated on the occasion.

Presiding over the function, former Minister V. Somanna said that 884 years ago, Basavanna supported equality and voiced for a social reformation. He commended the support extended by Suttur Mutt in organising Basava Jayanti celebrations on a grand and meaningful note.

Former MLC Thontadarya, Okkuta President T.S. Lokesh, Basava Samithi President Basavaraj and others were present.

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In this week's Pet Talk,
Maneka explains the ecological importance of crickets, best way to treat dog's paw pad injury and about need for birds to migrate.

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

What is the importance of crickets ecologically?

The field cricket (Gryllus pennsylvanicus) is found abundantly in a great variety of habitats (including fields and lawns, forest edges, mature forests, caves, damp basements, around plumbing, and even in outhouses) and occurs over a wide geographic range all over the world. In natural habitats, G. pennsylvanicus may be found in shallow burrows and also in the matrix of dead or living vegetation above the level of the soil.

Field crickets are important agents in decomposition. They consume large quantities of, often highly resistant, cellulose rich, plant materials and produce faecal pellets that are easily decomposed by bacteria and fungi. Their activity, then, greatly accelerates the energy and nutrient flows in an ecosystem and provides plants with a much more abundant reservoir of highly available, essential growth factors.

Field crickets also consume the seeds of many significant "weed" species, thus reducing the potential of these rapidly growing, invasive plants to dominate both natural and human generated (that is lawns and gardens) ecosystems.

Crabgrass, in particular, is a "weed" whose abundance can be reduced by the feeding activities of the field cricket.

Though, when populations of the field cricket become excessively large, they can cause damage to agricultural crops. They can also do significant damage to clothing, furniture, rugs, and even rubber materials when they invade a house in large numbers.

What is the best way to treat dog's paw pad injury?

Healthy foot pads are crucial so injuries need prompt attention. If your dog limps, or licks at her pads, take heed. She may have a foot pad that is torn, punctured, or burned.

A torn foot pad doesn't hold stitches well, so cuts and punctures take longer to heal. Walking on the injured foot often opens up the wound and further delays healing. And, if infection sets in, the dog may end up with more than just foot problems. Since even minor foot pad injuries can be stubborn, it's a good idea to provide first aid at home and then see your veterinarian.

Clean the wound. Look for debris, or foreign objects such as glass or metal shards, that may be lodged in the pad. If the foreign object is located where you can easily grasp it with tweezers, gently remove it. Swishing the paw in cool water, or spraying the paw with a hose, may help dislodge tiny particles. If the debris is lodged deeply, leave it alone. Digging too deep will only worsen the injury and cause pain. Deep-seated foreign bodies need to be extracted by your veterinarian who can sedate your dog to make the procedure more comfortable. Use mild anti-bacterial soap, or betadine, to disinfect the wound. To control bleeding, apply pressure to the wound with a clean towel. Minor tears will stop bleeding in a matter of minutes, but deeper wounds take longer to stabilize. Also, bleeding may reoccur when the dog walks on the leg. If you cannot stop the bleeding within 10-15 minutes, this is an emergency — take your dog to the emergency veterinary clinic. Contain the wound by applying a bandage. Use gauze pads to cushion the bottom of the foot and absorb blood. The gauze padding will also decrease the pain of walking on the foot. To keep gauze in place, wrap the entire foot in a self-sticking product, such as micropore. It is important to cover the paw from the toes up to and including the ankle (tarsus) or wrist (carpus). Covering the toes will prevent them from swelling, and covering the ankle, or wrist joint, will prevent the bandage from slipping off. Make sure the bandage is not too tight. You should be able to insert 2 fingers between the bandage and the leg.

Change the bandage daily. If your dog chews at the bandage, spray it with an anti-lick product such as bitter apple. Keep the bandage dry by taping a plastic bag over it when she walks on wet grass. Pay close attention during bandage changes. If the toes become swollen or dusky or if you note a foul odour or moist discharge, consult your veterinarian. These signs may indicate compromised circulation, or infection that can result in permanent damage to the foot. If the wound continues to bleed, or gapes open after three days, it's time for a follow-up visit to your veterinarian who can provide high-powered antibiotics and pain medication that will promote faster healing.

In addition to cuts and punctures, dogs often injure their pads when exposed to extreme temperatures or chemicals. Even though foot pads are tough, they can burn on a scorching sidewalk in the middle of the summer, or on icy surfaces during the winter. If your dog licks at her feet, or limps after a summertime or wintertime stroll, sooth her pads by soaking the foot in room temperature water. If the pads become discoloured, or if the tissue under the pad becomes exposed, contact your veterinarian. Severe burns need to be treated professionally. Burns can also be caused by chemicals. If your dog steps into a caustic substance, hold the foot under running water for several minutes. Then wash the paw in mild soap and rinse thoroughly. Make sure you wear gloves to avoid skin irritation. What burns your dog may burn you, too. Apply antibiotic ointment to the burned foot pad and bandage the paw. Daily bandage changes, and close monitoring of the injury, are important. Report any changes to your veterinarian.

What is the need for birds to migrate?

Birds migrate to move from areas of low, or decreasing resources, to areas of high, or increasing resources. The two primary resources being sought are, food and nesting locations.

Birds that nest in the Northern Hemisphere tend to migrate northward in the spring to take advantage of burgeoning insect populations, budding plants and an abundance of nesting locations. As winter approaches and the availability of insects and other food drops, the birds move south again. Escaping the cold is a motivating factor, but many species, including hummingbirds, can withstand freezing temperatures as long as an adequate supply of food is available.

Can dogs undergo an abortion?

Animal mating happens naturally, and one effort to curb the pet overpopulation is to spay and neuter. There are a few scenarios where pet owners may decide to terminate the pregnancy.

Diagnosis: Many dogs presented for abortions may not even be pregnant. It is important to verify your dog is pregnant before having any treatment administered. Some drugs that induce abortion have side effects that could cause health problems for your pet, and this can be serious if the treatment is unnecessary.

i. Was the dog in heat? If the dog was not in heat, there is a reduced chance the dog is pregnant. Vets can test for this with a vaginal smear.

ii. Was there enough time for it to happen? Mating usually takes 20 to 30 minutes on average. If your dog was gone for only five minutes, the chances of pregnancy are greatly reduced.

iii. Was the dog mated? The vet can check for signs that the dog is pregnant. Options include swab tests for sperm if shortly after the mating was suspected, ultrasounds, checking for foetal heartbeats, or performing a pregnancy test.

Treatment: Various drugs may be used, depending on your dog and the vet's experience.

a. In recent years the uses of estrogen injections and pills have been reduced because of their side effects. Estrogen injections may be done soon after the mating, but its side effects can include bone marrow suppression, anaemia or pyrometra (uterine disease). These health issues can be serious, or even fatal, to your dog.

b. Another injection sometimes used is Dexamethasone. This injection is administered by your vet. Side effects include panting, excessive thirst and/or excessive urination.

c. Prostaglandin F2 alpha (PGF) is considered a natural hormone your vet might administer. Side effects include panting, trembling, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting and excessive drooling.

Side effects are possible with any form of treatment. Pain, discomfort and bleeding are possible with any abortion, spontaneous or planned. Monitor your dog closely for side effects, consider pain management options and have a plan in place to manage future pregnancies, or spay your dog.

Be wary of any medication described for ending pregnancies in dogs that are available for purchase. Any treatments are best left to your vet in a clinical setting. Additionally, never give your pet medications made for humans without consulting your vet, they could be lethal.

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Knight Riders look to ride on Supergiant

Kolkata, May 3- Kolkata Knight Riders will look to get back to the top of the IPL 2017 standings when they take on Rising Pune Supergiant in Match 41. KKR have consistently played good cricket this season, most definitely with the bat and the ball, though their catching has been sloppy at moments. However, on Sunday night, they had one of their forgettable days in the office when they were blown away by Sunrisers Hyderabad's David Warner.

That match against SRH is one KKR will want to flush out of their systems immediately and focus towards staying in the top two places in the table. KKR have 7 wins from 10 matches, and with the race for the playoff spots getting keener, Gautam Gambhir's side will look to collect the full two points from this home fixture.

Rising Pune Supergiant have found some timely momentum in this important phase of the tournament, and as a result find themselves among the top four teams. After winning just one of their first four matches, RPS have surged, winning five of their next six matches. In their most-recent match, Steven Smith's team recovered from a difficult situation to outclass the Gujarat Lions. RPS now play three consecutive matches on the road, and they will aim to collect at least two points from those three matches to give themselves a good chance of finishing in the final four. If they win this match, they will draw level with KKR on 14 points and establish a significant gap over the rest of the playoff contenders.

Ideally, KKR will like both Gautam Gambhir and Robin Uthappa to get big scores. However,given how well both of them are batting, they will settle even if one of them goes on to make a big score. Gambhir has led from the front and has been a steady accumulator of runs at the top, while a leaner-yet-stronger Uthappa is applying himself better and milking opponents for runs. The KKR management must be glad that both batsmen are converting their starts into fairly big scores; off the nine 50-plus scores between them, five are of 70 or more, which is a fairly big score in the context of T20 cricket.

With the league season heading towards a tense finish and teams jostling for a place in the top four, now is the time for the big players to stand up and deliver.

So look out for Steven Smith, MS Dhoni and Ben Stokes. The English all-rounder, who wants to be in the thick of the action all the time, has already won three Man of the Match awards, two for his bowling performances and one for his match-winning knock.

The one bowler you should keep an eye on is KKR's Nathan Coulter-Nile. The Australian has been terrific with the ball for KKR; he has been hostile, has bowled quick and has caused plenty of damage already.

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Today's Match

Kolkata Knight Riders

Vs

Rising Pune Supergiants

Eden Gardens, Kolkata, 8 pm.

Tomorrow's Match

Delhi Daredevils

Vs

Gujarat Lions

Feroz Shah Kotla, New Delhi, 8 pm

Yesterday's Result

Sunrisers Hyderabad 185 for 3 in 20 overs lost to **Delhi Daredevils 189 for 4 in 19.1 overs.**

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State Ranking Sub-junior & Junior Badminton Tournament

Mohit Gowda scores upset win over Mayuresh

Mysuru, May 3- Thirteenth seed P. Mohith Gowda shocked 8th seed Mayuresh Janpandit 21-18,20-22,23-21 to enter the quarter-finals of Boys U-19 singles event in the State Ranking Badminton Tournament conducted by the MDBA at Manasagangothri Indoor Stadium here yesterday.

The results

(All pre-quarters): Boys U-19: Nikhil Shyam Sriram bt Srikar Rajesh 21-17 21-17, P. Mohith Gowda bt Mayuresh Janpandit 21-18, 20-22, 23-21, G. Ganesh Vittal bt N.K. Abhishek 21-17, 18-21, 21-16, S. Bhargav bt Bhuvan Rajesh 21-14, 21-11, Shamanth Kidiyoor bt Abhiman Andekuli 21-9, 21-15, Sai Pratheek bt Saketh Upadhya 21-15, 22-20, Abi Amudan bt Nithin 19-21, 21-13, 21-19, B. Kiran bt R. Vishnuh R. Paura 21-12 21-4.

U-17: Tejas Kallolkar bt Naren S. Iyer 21-15, 21-17, Gaurav Ajila bt A.D. Kavish Chengappa 21-14,21-17, Chinmaya Venkatesh bt K. Pruthvi Roy 21-18, 14-21, 21-11, D.S. Saneeth bt Bhuvan Rajesh 21-9, 19-21, 21-11, C.S. Saket bt Kishal Ganapathy 21-11, 21-14, H.V. Nithin bt Vishesh Sharma 24-22, 21-14, Srikar Rajesh bt B.S. Vaibhav 21-8, 21-8, P. Mohith Gowda bt S. Bhargav 18-21, 22-20, 21-15.

Girls: U-19: Deepthi Ramesh bt Ranjini Hegde 21-12, 21-18, Dharini Ravikumar Rajarathnam bt Akhila Anand 17-21, 21-15, 21-12, Medha Shashidharan bt Spandana Bekal 21-9, 21-18, Drithi Yatheesh bt Keerthana P. Shroff 21-10, 21-11, Prerana Neeluri bt Bhavya Krishnan 24-22 21-18. Trisha Hegde w/o Tanya Arora, Ashwini Bhat bt Sreebhargavi 21-9, 21-14, Ramya bt N.S. Gagana 21-12, 21-9.

U-17: Medha Shashidharan bt Tanya Hemanth 22-20 21-9, Kriti Bharadwaj bt Ramya 21-12, 20-22, 21-13, Ananya Praveen bt Prerana Neeluri 21-8, 21-14, Drithi Yatheesh bt Roshni Venkat 21-17, 21-13, Shraddha Hegde bt Kisha Kothari 19-21, 21-9, 21-19, Keerthana P. Shroff bt Pearl Sharma 21-9, 21-8, Varsha Bhat bt Deethya 23-21,21-18, Trisha Hegde bt Aanchal Dhawan 21-6, 21-10.

KSCA Mysore Zone Inter-District Tournament

Six wicket win for Convener XI

Mysuru, May 3- Helped by an unbeaten knock of 52 (8x4s) by opener B. Dheemanth, Convener XI registered a facile six-wicket win over Chairman XI in the KSCA Inter-District U-19 Tournament played at the SJCE grounds here on Tuesday.

The Scores: U-19: Chairman XI 141 in 42.2 overs (L. Sourab 26, V. Utham Gowda three for 19, B.S. Harsha two for 29) lost to Convener XI 142 for four in 24.4 overs (B. Dheemanth 52 n.o, S. Nishanth 28, B.S. Harsha 23 n.o, B.N. Srinivas two for 17, K.B. Nandan two for 22).

U-16: Chamarajanagar 139 in 40 overs (S. Suman 48, Nandakumar 30, V. Bhuvan Kumar four for 43, Naresh Kumar two for 21) lost to Combined XI 140 for four in 25.5 overs (T.L. Venuprasad 61, G.B. Preetham two for 22).

Mandya: Convener XI 119 for nine in 50 overs (Hridhay Singhavi 39, Yogesh two for 18, M.S. Sharath two for 24, B. Bhuvan two for 13) lost to Mandya 123 for four in 23.5 overs (Abhishek Gowda 50 n.o, Srihari Kashyap 33, P. Keerthesh two for 16).

MDFA 'A' Division Super League

Arbaz scores hat-trick for Soniya FC

Mysuru, May 3- Centre-forward Arbaz scored a hat-trick in Soniya FC's 3-2 win over Pope FC in the super-league tie of the MDFA 'A' Division tournament for Achutharao Memorial trophy played at the University Football Grounds here on Tuesday.

The result: Soniya FC 3 (Arbaz 8, 26, 69) bt Pope FC 2 (Yashukumar 16, 20).

Monday's result: Ashoka FC 5 (Ajay Babu 21, Benadict 25, Tenzin 36, Sharath 56, Gokul 75) bt Chanakya Koota FC 2 (Preetham 6, 43).

Under-13 Rapid Open Chess Tournament

Mysuru, May 3- The Mysore Chess Center in association with a private organisation will be conducting the U-13 Open rapid chess tournament May 6 and 7 at Mall of Mysore on MG Road. The tournament is open to all and is conducted only for children below 13 years.

The winners will be awarded with cash prizes and trophies in open and U-7, U-9 and U-11 categories for both boys & girls. Interested players can register by sending and SMS or WhatsApp to 81238 19220 along with their Name and Date of Birth within May 4. Spot entries will be not entertained and the players must report at venue at 11 am May 6. For information contact Nagendra on Mob: 8123819220.

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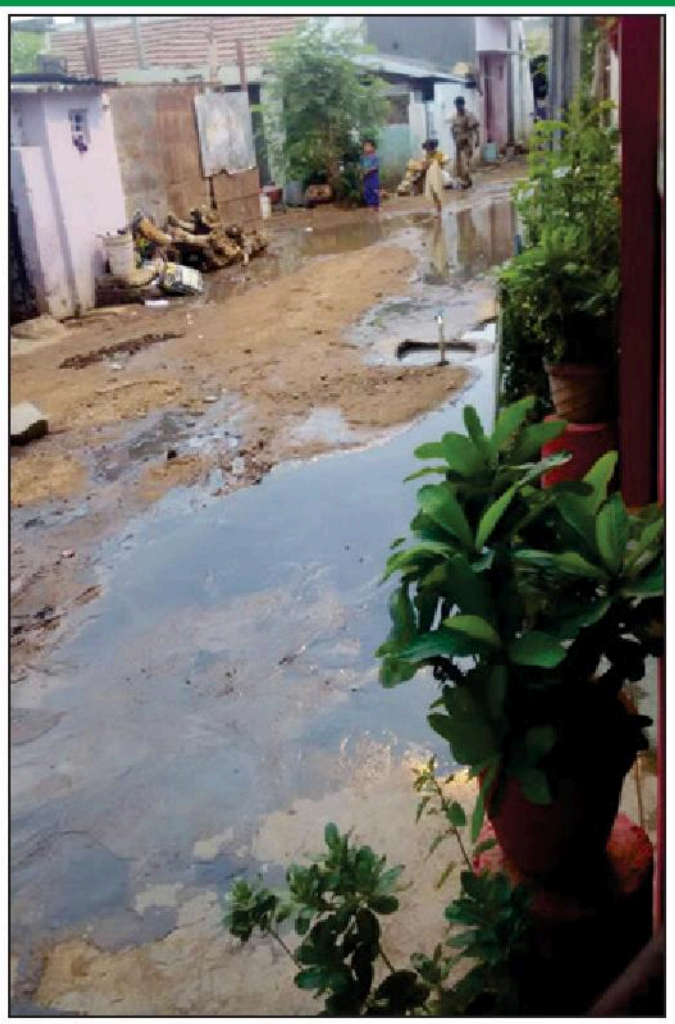
This Road posing danger in Udayagiri

Motorists travelling on Udayagiri 4th Cross near Zikriyaa Masjid have to be very cautious while travelling on this stretch as there are no parapet walls or safety barricades for the drain running along the road, which may prove fatal. Authorities concerned are urged to take necessary steps at the earliest to prevent any untoward incidents.

Plea to clear stagnant water at AJ Block in NR Mohalla



Rain water is not flowing freely in the storm water drains due to blockages. As a result it is overflowing on to the road near 12th Cross, AJ Block in NR Mohalla and the stagnant water is emanating unbearable stench. Will the authorities concerned take steps and find a permanent solution to the problem?

MGP to approach SC on Chamundi Hill

By Bhamy V. Shenoy and Ashvini Ranjan

Recent visitors to Chamundi Hill who have peeked through the barricades must have wondered what happened to all the protests and Public Interest Litigation (PIL) by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP). Unfortunately, construction activities on the Hill to build multi-level parking, shopping complex and shelter for pilgrims are progressing at rapid speed. MGP has not been a mute spectator ever since the construction resumed towards the end of 2016 after submitting a so-called Environmental Management Plan (EMP). MGP, besides giving a chronology of public protests during the last year to stop the vandalisation of Chamundi Hill, wants to give the latest attempt by MGP to save Chamundi Hill even at this late stage.

Since Chamundeshwari Temple generates huge funds and has accumulated over Rs. 80 crore, politicians always have ever been ready to dream of projects to spend it in the name of development and to provide facilities to increasing number of pilgrims. Projects like widening the roads to facilitate faster movement of cars, constructing multi-level parking space, huge shopping complex, shelter to prevent waiting in the sun, were proposed from time to time. Though the politicians were fully aware that all such projects would harm the delicate ecology and affect the beauty of the Hill, greed of earning money was uncontrollable.

It was the gazette notification of April 28, 2016 paving the way for widening of road on the Hill that caught the attention of MGP and other activists to initiate protest against the vandalisation of the Hill. In April 2016, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for a slew of construction projects in the name of development. Earlier also there have been attempts to "develop" the Hill by building a canopy over the climbers' steps and ropeway which also would have resulted in damaging the ecology of the Hill. Thanks to public protests led by MGP, they were stopped with the assurance to protesters that the original developmental plan would be altered suitably.

However, in the case of Chamundi Hill construction projects, MGP has not been successful so far. A mammoth protest was held at the foot of Chamundi Hill led by noted novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, royal family members Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, and hundreds of leading professionals of the city on May 29. It was followed up on June 3, 2016 by MGP conducting a public meeting to educate the public on the potential hazards of widening roads and construction projects next to the temple. **It looked like that the Government dropped the idea of widening the road on the Hill as a result of these protests. But they were determined to proceed with multi-level parking and shopping complex.**

On June 18, a candle-light march to Save Chamundi Hill was organised in which thousands of the public protested. That also did not have any impact.

But the protests resulted in the then Deputy Commissioner, C. Shikha, meeting MGP on June 23, 2016 to discuss the concerns of the environmentalists. Thanks to the DC asking the Public Works Department (PWD) to develop an EMP, work was stopped for some time. MGP was demanding for a full blown Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) since, according to the latest Environmental Protection Act, without an EIA no construction activities should be taken up.

However, after a few months, a cursory EMP was developed and approved. Without taking the public into confidence and sharing the EMP report, PWD started the work on the Hill. MGP met the new DC D. Randeep, and also some of the political leaders to convince them why the construction was in violation of the Environmental Protection Act. MGP failed again.

MGP's PIL against the Government to stop work on Chamundi Hill was admitted on July 11, 2016 in Karnataka High Court. But MGP did not succeed in getting a stay order to its disappointment. The High Court ruled on Apr. 3, 2017 granting liberty to MGP to approach the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change by two weeks, and make a representation to be considered by the Principal Secretary.

MGP has now decided to file a Special Leave Petition (SLP) against this ruling in the Supreme Court. It is hopeful that SC will rule in its favour and save Chamundi Hill for the future.

V. Sreenivasa Prasad is State BJP Vice-President

Bengaluru, May 3- BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa yesterday appointed former Minister **V. Sreenivasa Prasad** as the Vice-President of the State BJP unit. Prasad is a recent entrant into the party from the Congress.

Yeddyurappa also appointed M. Nagaraj, former Congress Corporator of Bengaluru, as a special invitee to the BJP's State Executive Committee meeting to be held in Mysuru on May 6 and 7. Nagaraj, a three-time Corporator in Bengaluru, joined the BJP about six months ago.

Sreenivasa Prasad joined the BJP after he was dropped from the Siddu Cabinet in June last year and had contested unsuccessfully on a BJP ticket from Nanjangud in the recent by-polls, losing to Kalale Keshavamurthy of the Congress.

Apart from making Sreenivasa Prasad as the Vice-President, Yeddyurappa has also appointed Prasad's confidantes K.R. Mohan Kumar and C. Basavegowda as special invitees for the BJP Executive Committee meeting.

The appointment of Nagaraj, a Kuruba as a special invitee, has raised a few eyebrows as the move comes amid Yeddyurappa's ongoing tussle with Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council K.S. Eshwarappa, who also belongs to the Kuruba community.

The confrontation between Eshwarappa and Yeddyurappa is expected to worsen with the announcement of the appointments.

Senior party leaders said that the appointments illustrated how Yeddyurappa was taking unilateral decisions.

The move is also seen as an assertion by Yeddyurappa that he has full powers to choose his team of office-bearers. Party observers contend that it is also a message that those close to Yeddyurappa will be rewarded, besides being a move to consolidate Dalit votes as Prasad belongs to SC community.

Naveen Chilal has been appointed President of the Bengaluru unit BJP's Weaver's Cell and T.H. Srinivasaiah has been appointed as President of the Bengaluru unit of the party's Education Cell.

I have not been invited for BJP's Mysuru meeting: Eshwarappa

Raichur, May 3- Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council K.S. Eshwarappa has said that he has not been invited for the BJP's State Executive Committee meeting to be held in Mysuru on May 6 and 7. "I have not been invited and I have not decided on attending or not attending the meeting," he told reporters yesterday after participating at a Sangolli Rayanna convention.

He, however, reiterated that State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa will be the unquestioned leader of Karnataka BJP and he will be the party's Chief Ministerial candidate.

Meanwhile, in a press release, BJP General Secretary N. Ravi Kumar has said that the Mysuru meeting would pass two resolutions - regarding the State's political situation and the country's political scenario in the wake of the party winning elections held recently in certain States, in local body elections in Odisha, Maharashtra and Delhi.

The meeting would be presided over by Yeddyurappa. Muralidhar Rao, party National General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka and co-in-charge D. Purandareshwari and four Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Ananth Kumar, Sadananda Gowda and Ramesh Jigajanagi.

Members of the party's core committee, office-bearers and members, invitees to the executive meet, MPs, legislators, district Presidents and General Secretaries and Morcha Presidents have been invited to attend the meeting, the statement said.

Defiant Eshwarappa to go ahead with Rayanna meets

Raichur, May 3- In open defiance of the BJP central leadership, Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council K.S. Eshwarappa yesterday said that he would go ahead with the Sangolli Rayanna Brigade's Convention on May 7 or 8 in Raichur.

His statement assumed significance in the wake of State BJP in-charge P. Muralidhar Rao, after holding parleys with some State leaders last week, said: "The central leadership is clear that the party will not tolerate a parallel forum by any name, brigade, or otherwise."

Earlier in the day, Eshwarappa visited Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt in Mantralaya of Andhra Pradesh, and told reporters that he would personally oversee the arrangements being made for the convention. "During a meeting in New Delhi on January 27, BJP President Amit Shah had instructed me to continue with the Rayanna Brigade activities. Shah had directed State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa to hold a meeting to resolve differences over appointment of District Unit Presidents and other office-bearers. But Yeddyurappa had not followed it," he said.

Meanwhile, Yeddyurappa said he was exercising self-restraint against commenting on Eshwarappa or the Rayanna Brigade. Speaking to reporters at Kalaburagi, he added that BJP National General Secretary and Karnataka in-Charge Muralidhar Rao, who had collected the opinions of several party leaders regarding the developments, had brought the matter to Shah's notice.

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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT	
Food variety	**Quantity**
1 Idli	60 grams
One rice item	250 grams
Rice, Sambar	300 grams
Rice, Rasam	300 grams
2 Chapathis, dal, curry	

Bengaluru, May 3 (KMS& BCT)- Along with the launch of "Indira Canteens" to offer quality food at subsidised rates on the lines of "Amma Canteens" in Tamil Nadu, the State Government has decided to provide subsidised food at all government hospitals for poor and middle class patients and their attendants.

While the "Indira Canteens" are set to be launched on August 15 this year, the project to offer subsidised food at government hospitals will be launched in June. As per the proposal, the government intends to distribute breakfast for Rs 5 and lunch for Rs. 10 at these canteens.

It may be recalled that three months back, Health Minister K.R. Ramesh Kumar had announced the setting up of cafeterias in district and taluk government hospitals to serve food at subsidised rates for patients, attendants and D-group employees. He had said that the subsidised cafeterias would be set up in co-ordination with the Food and Civil Supplies Department and Mysore Sales International Limited (MSIL).

The government has now asked Health, Food and Civil Supplies, and Women and Child Welfare Ministries to take responsibility of the project and has directed them to finalise tender process by May 31. Everyday, over 1,000 breakfasts and lunch will be served under the scheme and preference will be given to Women Self Help Groups, widows, physically challenged and NGOs to run the canteens.

Sources said as canteens in district hospitals will be allotted through tendering, the agencies will be allowed to continue till their tender period lapses. The immediate plan now is to setup subsidised cafeterias in the 144 taluk hospitals. Land has been identified in the taluk hospitals, and the eateries will be constructed using fast-track technology said government sources.

As per the proposal, the government will provide the building, power, and water for the cafeterias. The Food and Civil Supplies Department will provide food grains and groceries at subsidised rates.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Majordomo

Pronunciation: may-jer-DOH-moh
Meaning: A head steward of a large household (such as a palace); butler, steward; a person who speaks, makes arrangements, or takes charge for another; broadly: the person who runs an enterprise.
Origin: Majordomo has relatives in Spanish (mayordomo) and Italian (the now obsolete maiordomo), and English speakers borrowed the term from one of these languages. All three words — majordomo, mayordomo, and maiordomo — ultimately come from the Medieval Latin major domus, meaning "chief of the house." In its earliest uses, majordomo referred to the head steward of a royal household. The position was a high one with some relatively weighty responsibilities. Later, in the U.S., the word was used for the steward or overseer of a ranch. Since then, the word's meaning has extended even further; today, majordomo can designate any person who takes charge of another's affairs, be they business or personal.

THE ODD WORD

Gauche

Lacking social grace, sensitivity, or acuteness;

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Touch and go

Meaning: A phrase used to describe someone who tends to be on the quiet side, or a person who does not have much to say when they speak. This phrase is self-explanatory; it literally means what it says, which is rare for most phrases. Indeed, people don't have a whole lot to say much of the time. Why? Well, there are a few reasons. It could be due to feeling uncomfortable around others, being shy, or it could just be the style for how a person talks; short and to the point.

Origin: This phrase has been around for at least 400 years, and unsurprisingly, its meaning has remained unchanged throughout the centuries. For example, William Shakespeare uses the phrase in the play King Henry V, from 1599: "He hath heard that men of few words are the best men."
Sometimes, men of few words were described in combination with another old expression that says they were 'men of action.' For example, in The Atlas newspaper from 1839, it reads:
"He was a man of action, not of words; and was much more at his ease in the smoke and tire of a battle than the meshes of a debate."

QUOTE BOX

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. **—Alice Walker**

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus mean?

Answer: Egg Plant.

SUDOKU

2		9						3
	3			1	6			
	1							7
	9	4	5	7			6	
1								9
	8			9	1	3	7	
8							9	
			3	5			4	
6						2		5

Answer to previous puzzle

3	6	2	5	9	7	4	1	8
5	4	7	6	1	8	3	2	9
1	9	8	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	4	3	8	1	2	9	5
9	8	1	4	5	2	6	7	3
2	3	5	9	7	6	8	4	1
8	2	9	7	4	3	1	5	6
4	5	3	1	6	9	7	8	2
7	1	6	8	2	5	9	3	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

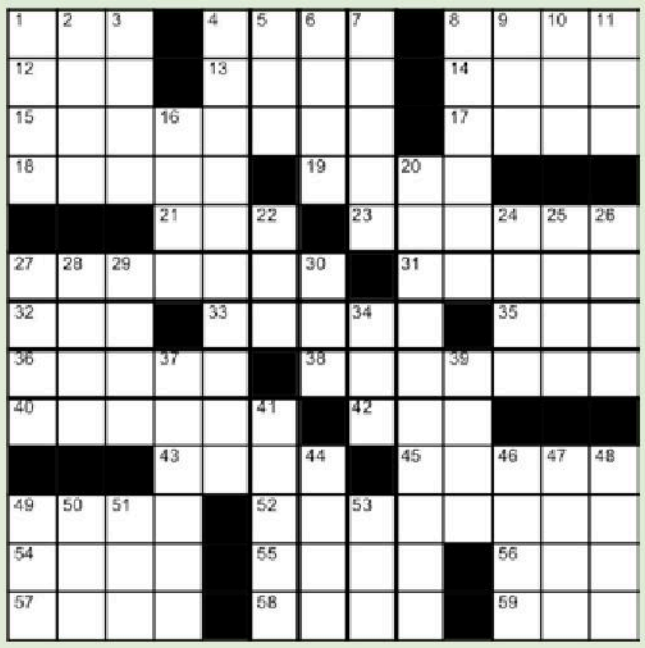
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Cable TV alternative
4 Dips in the middle
8 Good or excellent
12 Equal opportunity employer abbr
13 Huron's neighbour
14 Our country, as a prefix
15 Scoundrel
17 Greek letters - "seat" changed?
18 He may come to your house to teach you
19 Experiment rooms, in short, for science students
21 Legal thing
23 Chatter
27 Shyam ___ : film director beyond compare?
31 "I moan" to change her name?
32 Long period of time
33 A Polynesian hello
35 Cavity or hole
36 Take ___ __ : shoot? (3,2)
38 What one visits online (3-4)
40 ___ bars : apparatus for the gymnasts?
42 Your old fashioned usage?
43 __ __ example : e.g.? (2,2)
45 Sponsorship
49 Veni, ___ , vici : I came, I saw, I conquered?
52 Descended, deflated or ebbed (4,4)
54 Symbol or statue?
55 At the drop of __ ___ : almost instantaneously? (1,3)
56 Electronic Industries Assoc.
57 "Sore" anagram for a lot of eggs?
58 Shoe company: __ India Ltd.
59 Required Navigation Performance

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

C	O	P	E	■	E	T	A	H	■	R	A	J
A	P	E	S	■	D	A	R	A	■	D	I	I
S	U	P	P	L	E	M	E	N	T	I	N	G
A	S	S	A	I	■	P	A	N	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	N	M	S	■	■	A	N	G	S	T
■	A	R	A	B	I	A	N	■	D	I	Y	A
I	L	E	■	S	C	R	I	P	■	R	N	P
L	E	A	P	■	K	I	N	E	T	I	C	■
S	C	R	A	G	■	■	E	R	R	■	■	■
■	■	■	L	U	K	E	■	T	I	T	U	S
K	A	L	P	A	N	A	C	H	A	W	L	A
I	D	O	■	N	O	S	E	■	D	E	N	Y
T	D	P	■	O	T	T	O	■	S	E	A	S

DOWN
1 What one owes another
2 __ Balsam: soothing ointment?
3 Just what's needed to warm things up
4 Isolates, excludes or discriminates
5 Old time classic movie Alam __
6 Boy meets ____ : beginning of a romance?
7 Type of enclosed chair used as a form of conveyance?
8 Spanish festival
9 Commonly used suffix - "Tin" anagram?
10 BJP and their allies?
11 Greek goddess of dawn
16 Blood and guts
20 Indian Sanskrit scholar and poet of Kadambari fame
22 ___ Mineo : New York born actor?
24 Local headgear?
25 Give out or radiate heat or light
26 Ceremony
27 Male admirer
28 Another name for Eire
29 Appellation or title
30 Unrefined in character
34 ___ up : excited or overwrought?
37 Serves, does or suffices
39 Wicket-keeper __ Kirmani
41 Moslem prince
44 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
46 Not one coming in, you'll agree?
47 Game-ending pronouncement (1,3)
48 Fast card game
49 Comedian __ Das
50 Variant of Esperanto
51 Female of a rabbit?
53 __ King Cole: famous singer of Mona Lisa?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DQW DVIOFZW NLDQ FWLBU COBYDOGZ LE DQGD

BIFIJX'E DQWVW DI GCCVWYLGDW

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We always like those who admire us; we do not always like those whom we admire

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bengaluru Underworld	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Chakravarthy	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Raajakumara	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Chowka	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Yuddha Kaanda	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Baahubali 2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	94489-06100	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
HINDI			
Baahubali 2	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Kingdom Of Gladiators	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TELUGU			
a romantic horror story	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Baahubali 2: The Conclusion (Te)	(S-1)	8.15 am, 11.35 am, 3 pm 6.30 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	9.05 am, 12.15 pm 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.00 am, 12.20 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Baahubali 2: The Conclusion (H)	(S-2)	3.35 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 1 pm, 3.50 pm

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Baahubali 2: The Conclusion (Te)	(S-1)	11.20 am, 3.00 pm, 6.37, 9.57 pm
	(S-2)	2.10 pm, 5.50 pm, 9.10
	(S-3)	9.45 am, 1.10 pm, 4.41
Baahubali 2: The Conclusion (H)	(S-2)	10.30 am
	(S-3)	8.10 pm
	(S-4)	3.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 6.55

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON THURSDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Nagaswara Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Keli Kali, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.00 Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Inchara, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Ranga Kalarava, 9.30 Music Recital, 10.00 Savinenapu.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Sethji	7:00 pm Saathiya	7:00 pm Yeh Moh Moh Ke Dhaage
7:30 Sanyukt	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:30 Peshwa Bajirao
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 PardesMeinHaiMeraDil	8:00 Mahabali Hanumaan
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Chandra Nandni	8:30 Jaat Ki Jugni
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:00 Beyhadh
9:30 Ek Tha Raja Ek Thi Rani	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	9:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
10:00 Woh Apna Sa	10:00 Ishqbaaaz	
6:00pm Man Vs. Wild	6:00pm Superstars	6:30pm Do Or Die
7:00 You Have Been Warned	6:30 India Tour of Australia	7:00 Africa's Hunters
7:30 Untamed & Uncut	7:00 Best of ICC WT20	8:00 Science of Stupid
8:00 River Monsters	7:30 Superstars	8:30 Science of Stupid
9:00 Man vs. Wild	8:00 ICC Cricket 360	9:00 Do Or Die
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	8:30 Best of ICC WT20 2016	9:30 Science of Stupid
11:00 Naked and Afraid	9:00 Superstars	10:00 Genius: Einstein
	9:30 England Tour of Sri Lanka 2014	11:30 Animal Fight Club
6:00pm Larva	6:00 pm Keladi Kanmani	6:00 pm Mahasati
6:30 Roll No. 21	6:30 Ganga	6:30 Jo Jo Laali
7:00 Roll No. 21	7:30 Kula Deivam	7:00 Avalu
8:30 Roll No. 21	8:00 Deiva Magal	7:30 Sapthamathruka
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:30 Vamsam	8:00 Aramane
9:30 Larva	9:00 Nandini	8:30 Nandini
10:00 Ben 10	9:30 Vani Rani	9:00 Ananda Bairavi

MOVIES TONIGHT

5:31pm **Avatar**	6:28pm **The Matrix**	6:48pm **Lethal Weapon 4**
9:00 **Ant-Man**	9:00 **Mission Impossible**	9:00 **Valkyrie**
11:31 **Gulliver's Travels**	11:38 **Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows: Part 2**	11:02 **Rock of Ages**
7:00pm **Extraaa Innings**	5:41pm **Aarya**	7:00pm **Comedy Champions**
8:00 **IPL 2017**	9:00 **Raja Saheb Ka Kamra**	8:30 **Movie**
11:30 **Extraaa Innings : Post Studio**	11:48 **Arya Ki Prem Pratigya**	11:00 **Comedy Champions**
4:37pm **Fast & Furious 7**	4:00pm **Jimmy Gallu**	7:00pm **Taqdeerwala**
7:35 **2012**	7:00 **Rajani Kanth**	10:05 **Zathura: A Space Adventure**
11:00 **Slumdog Millionaire**	10:00 **Purushothama**	

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 3)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP): 9th edition of Kreeda Kaushalya — the traditional games exhibition and sale, Handicrafts Sales Emporium (HSE) at Ramsons, opposite Zoo, Ittigegud, **up to 7 pm.**

Sahara Art & Crafts Shopping Festival: Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Gruhashobhe International Trade Fair: Living Style Exhibition, Maharaja College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**

Great Bombay Circus: Circus Carnival by Indian, African, Chinese & Russian Artistes, Horse Park, behind Zoo, Nazarbad, **4 pm, & 7 pm.**

Mysore District Athletics Association (MDAA): Conferring of Nandi Awards-2017, Awardees — Distinguished Sports Promoter M/S Cycle Pure Agarbathies, Mysuru; Distinguished Sports Journalist K. Onkar Murthy and Distinguished Sports Photographer M.S. Basavanna (Anurag Basavaraj); Best Athletes Thippavva Sannakki, M.G. Radesh, Meghana Balakrishna Devanga, V. Ambika, B. Manush, D. Varshini, Sharon Sthuthi and Nikhil S. Atchgal; Mayor M.J. Ravikumar chief guest, Olympian Ashwini Nachappa guest of honour, MLA and MDAA Chairman Vasu presides, Centenary Hall, Maharaja College, University of Mysore, **6 pm.**

Rotary Club of Ivory City: Felicitation to child actress Siri Vanalli, in recognition of her achievements in sports, fine arts and films, Rotary District Governor Rtn. Dr. R.S. Nagarajuna chief guest, Hotel Casa Clark's Inn, **7 pm.**

Jamiath-e-Ulema hosts National Integration Conference

Mysuru, May 3- Thousands of Muslim brethren attended the National Integration Conference organised by Jamiath-e-Ulema, Mysuru, at St. Philomena's College Grounds here on Sunday.

Hazrath Moulana Syed Arshad Madni, President, Jamiath-e-Ulema Hind, presided. Abdul Azeez Chand, Secretary, Darul Uloom Siddiqia, welcomed. Moulana Hafiz Arshad Ahmed, General Secretary, Jamiath-e-Ulema, Mysuru Unit, compered.

Hazrath Moulana Shabbir Ahmed Rishadi, President, Jamiath-e-Ulema, Mysuru, Hazrath Moulana P.M. Zikria Walajahi, Hazrath Moulana Shah Vali Ulla, Bishop of Mysore Dr. K.A. William, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Sri Ranjith Singh, former President of Gurudwara, Minister Tanveer Sait, Hazrath Moulana Mufthi Syed Tajuddin, Sir Khazi of Mysore Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Usman Shariff, Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Zaka Ulla, President, All India Milli Council, Mysore District Unit, Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice- Chancellor, Mysore University and other Ulemas were on the dais.

Hazrath Moulana Mufthi Salman Ahmed Nadvi, Dr. Syed Shakeeb Ur Rahman, former Principal of SJCE, Ayub Khan, former Mayor, Suhail Baig, Corporator and others attended the conference.

EVENTS (MAY 4) TOMORROW

Sri Renukadevi Karaga Temple Trust, Ittigegudu: Sri Chamundeshwari & Sri Maramma's 93rd Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, Temple premises, **7 am onwards.**

Expo-cum-Sale: National Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-2017, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10 am onwards.**

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Book release: *Samskrutiya Swaroopa* authored by retd. Professor S.N. Madhavarao, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Seva Samiti, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **12 noon.**

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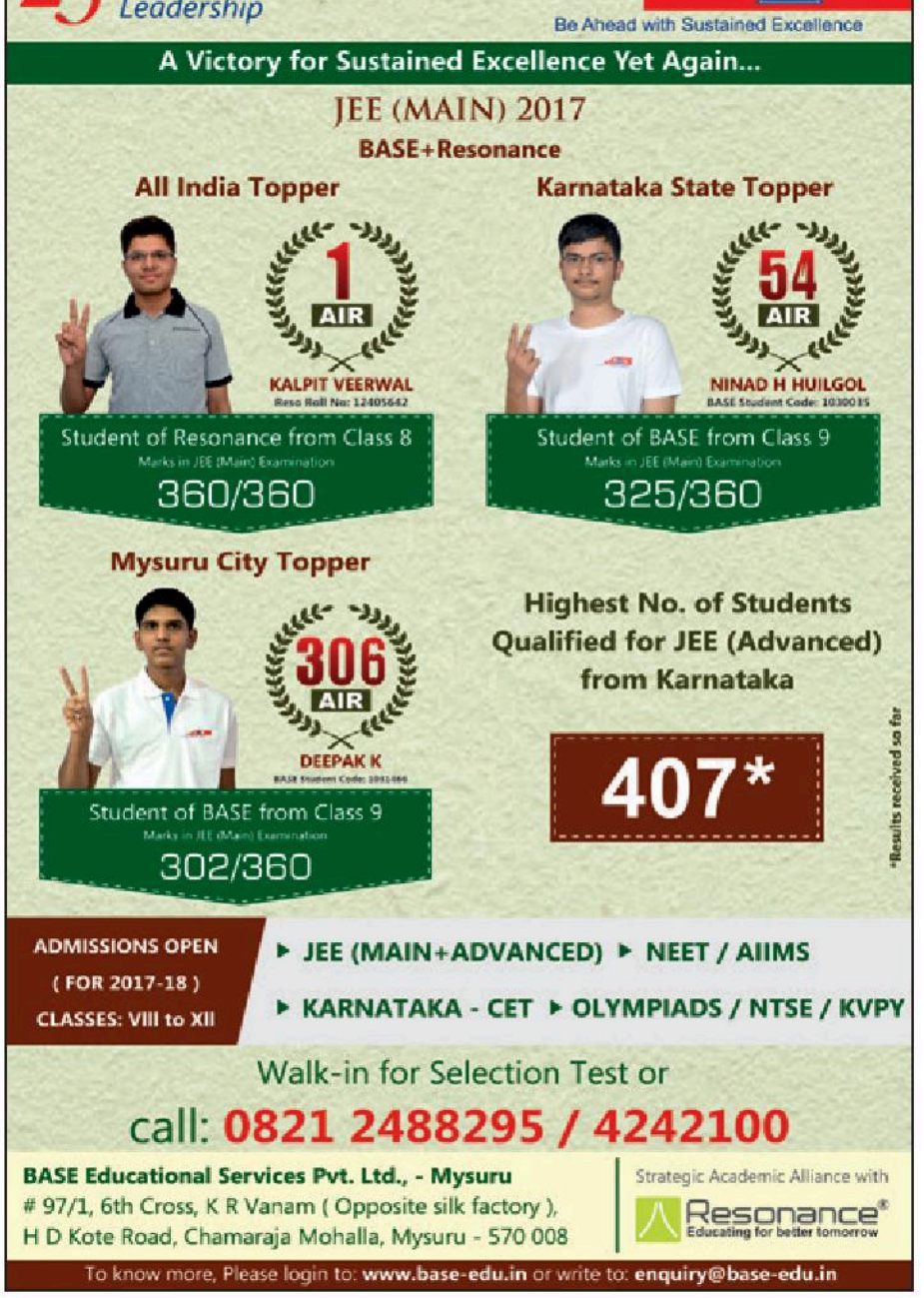
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